

for each PHA 60 to 90 days after the end of the PHA's fiscal year.

(b) *Computing the PHAS score.* Each of the four PHAS indicators in this part will be scored individually, and then will be used to determine an overall score for the PHA. Components within each of the four PHAS indicators will be scored individually, and the scores for the components will be used to determine a single score for each of the PHAS indicators.

(c) *Adjustments to the PHAS score.* Adjustments to the score may be made after a PHA's audit report for the year being assessed is transmitted to HUD. If significant differences (as defined in GAAP guidance materials provided to PHAs) are noted between unaudited and audited results, a PHA's PHAS score will be raised or lowered, as applicable, in accordance with the audited results.

(d) *Posting and publication of PHAS scores.* Each PHA shall post a notice of its final PHAS score and status in appropriate conspicuous and accessible locations in its offices within 2 weeks of receipt of its final score and status. In addition, HUD will publish every PHA's score and status in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

§ 902.67 Score and designation status.

Designation status corresponding to score. A PHA will be scored with a corresponding designation of status as follows:

(a) *High performer.* A PHA that achieves a score of at least 60 percent of the points available under each of the four PHAS Indicators (addressed in subparts B through E of this part) and achieves an overall PHAS score of 90 percent or greater shall be designated a high performer. A PHA shall not be designated a high performer if it scores below the threshold established for any indicator. High performers will be afforded incentives that include relief from reporting and other requirements, as described in § 902.71.

(b) *Standard performer.* A PHA that achieves a total PHAS score of less than 90 percent but not less than 60 percent shall be designated a standard performer. All standard performers must correct reported deficiencies. A standard performer that receives a

score less than 70 percent but not less than 60 percent shall be subject to other oversight, as described in § 902.73. A PHA that achieves a score of less than 60 percent of the total points available under PHAS Indicators 1, 2, or 3 shall not be designated a standard performer, but shall be designated a troubled performer, as provided in paragraph (c) of this section.

(c) *Troubled performer.* A PHA that achieves a total PHAS score of less than 60 percent, or achieves a score of less than 60 percent of the total points available under PHAS Indicators 1, 2, or 3, shall be designated as troubled, and referred to the TARC as described in § 902.75. In accordance with section 6(j)(2) of the 1937 Act, a PHA that receives less than 60 percent of the maximum calculation for the modernization indicator under PHAS Indicator #3 (Management Operations, subpart D of this part) may be subject to the following sanctions: under the Comprehensive Grant Program to a reduction of formula allocation or other sanctions (24 CFR part 968, subpart C); under the Comprehensive Improvement Assistance Program to disapproval of new funding or other sanctions (24 CFR part 968, subpart B); or disapproval of funding under the HOPE VI Program.

§ 902.69 PHA right of petition and appeal.

(a) *Appeal of troubled designation and petition for removal.* A PHA may:

(1) Appeal designation as a troubled agency (including designation as troubled with respect to the modernization program);

(2) Petition for removal of such designation; and

(3) Appeal any refusal to remove such designation.

(b) *Appeal process.* The appeal shall be submitted by a PHA to the REAC within 30 days of a PHA's receipt of its score, and shall include supporting documentation and justification of the reasons for the appeal. An appeal submitted to the REAC without appropriate documentation will not be considered and will be returned to the PHA.

(c) *Consideration of appeal by REAC.* Upon receipt of an appeal from a PHA,

the REAC will convene a Board of Review (the Board) to evaluate the appeal and its merits for the purpose of determining whether a reassessment of the PHA is warranted. Board membership will be comprised of a representative from REAC, the Office of Public and Indian Housing, and such other office or representative as the Secretary may designate (excluding, however, representation from the Troubled Agency Recovery Center). For purposes of reassessment, the REAC will schedule a reinspection and/or acquire audit services, as determined by the Board, and a new score will be issued, if appropriate.

(d) *Final appeal decisions.* HUD will make final decisions of appeals within 30 days of receipt of an appeal, and may extend this period an additional 30 days if further inquiry is necessary. Failure by a PHA to submit requested information within the 30-day period or any additional period granted by HUD is grounds for denial of an appeal.

Subpart G—PHAS Incentives and Remedies

§ 902.71 Incentives for high performers.

(a) *Incentives for high-performer PHAs.* A PHA that is designated a high performer will be eligible for the following incentives:

(1) *Relief from specific HUD requirements.* A PHA that is designated high performer will be relieved of specific HUD requirements (for example, fewer reviews and less monitoring), effective upon notification of high performer designation.

(2) *Public recognition.* High-performer PHAs and RMCs that receive a score of at least 60 percent of the points available under each of the four PHAS Indicators and achieves an overall PHAS score of 90, will receive a Certificate of Commendation from HUD as well as special public recognition, as provided by the HUB/Program Center.

(3) *Bonus points in funding competitions.* A high-performer PHA will be eligible for bonus points in HUD's funding competitions, where such bonus points are not restricted by statute or regulation governing the funding program.

(b) *Compliance with applicable Federal laws and regulations.* Relief from any

standard procedural requirement that may be provided under this section, does not mean that a PHA is relieved from compliance with the provisions of Federal law and regulations or other handbook requirements. For example, although a high performer or standard performer may be relieved of requirements for prior HUD approval for certain types of contracts for services, the PHA must still comply with all other Federal and State requirements that remain in effect, such as those for competitive bidding or competitive negotiation (see 24 CFR 85.36).

(c) *Audits and reviews not relieved by designation.* A PHA designated as a high performer or standard performer remains subject to:

(1) Regular independent auditor (IA) audits.

(2) Office of Inspector General (OIG) audits or investigations will continue to be conducted as circumstances may warrant.

§ 902.73 Referral to an Area HUB/Program Center.

(a) Standard performers will be referred to the HUB/Program Center for appropriate action. A standard performer that receives a total score of less than 70 percent but not less than 60 percent shall be required to submit an Improvement Plan to eliminate deficiencies in the PHA's performance. A standard performer that receives a score of not less than 70 percent may be required, at the discretion of the appropriate area HUB/Program Center, to submit an Improvement Plan to address specific deficiencies.

(b) *Submission of an Improvement Plan.*

(1) Within 30 days after a PHAS score is issued, a standard performer with a score less than 70 percent is required to submit an Improvement Plan, which includes the information stated in paragraph (d) of this section and determined acceptable by the HUB/Program Center, for each indicator and/or component identified as deficient as well as other performance and/or compliance deficiencies as may be identified as a result of an on-site review of the PHA's operations. An RMC that is required to submit an Improvement Plan must develop the plan in consultation with its